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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	
Norikazu ARAI et al.	) Group Art Unit: Unassigned
Continuation of Application No. 09/487,928 filed January 20, 2000	) Examiner: Unassigned )
Filed: Herewith	
For: OPTICAL PICKUP APPARATUS, RECORDING/REPRODUCING APPARATUS PROVIDED WITH THE OPTICAL PICKUP APPARATUS, OPTICAL ELEMENT, AND INFORMATION RECORDING/REPRODUCING METHOD	
Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Sir:

Please cancel claims 1-136 and add new claims 137-149, as follows:

137. An optical pickup apparatus for recording and/or reproducing information for an optical information medium, comprising:

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